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Remarks

Claims Rejections: 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 16-17 stand rejected under section 102(e) of 35 U.S.C. for being allegedly anticipated by Sladek (US Patent 6,622,016).

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim 1 is directed to an Intelligent Network Service Control Point (IN-SCP) for providing services to users in a telecommunications network, said IN-SCP comprising:

at least one Call Processing Language (CPL) script that generates a call-control instruction when the script is executed; and

means for executing the CPL script in response to receiving a service trigger for the script.

Sladek teaches a method and system for controlled provisioning of a desired set of service logic for a subscriber or group of subscribers. In response to a designated stimulus, such as a time event, a location event, or a threshold event, a network entity modifies a subscriber profile to include one or more desired parameters, such as for example by including in the profile the trigger directing the serving system to query a designated network entity for call handling instructions. The designated network entity may then provide the set of services for the subscriber or the group of subscribers.

Sladek does not deal with CPL scripts. Sladek only generically mentions that "a set of service logic" is provided for one or more subscribers. The Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that the use of Intelligent Network (IN) service logic is well known in the art of IN services/cellular, as well-described described by the Applicants in the "Background of the Invention" section of the present patent application.

However, the prior art, including Sladek, is totally silent on the use of CPL scripts within an IN Service Control Point (IN-SCP) for the provision of user-related services as claimed in the present invention.

The passage of Sladek referred to by the Examiner as allegedly anticipating claim 1 (col. 9, line 24 to col. 10, line 18) merely describes that a serving system includes a set of, generically described, logic defining how to process calls for one or more terminals, which logic may include trigger points, and how the service defined by the stored logic is provisioned. No mention is made in this passage of Sladek of any kind of use of CPL scripts for providing any service.

Applicants respectfully submit that the use of CPL scripts for the provisioning of IN-like services by an IN-SCP is totally new and nonobvious with respect to all the located prior art, including Sladek.

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Because Sladek's teaching is limited to the known regular provision of IN services, but without the use of CPL scripts in an IN-SCP, Sladek fails to teach the claimed elements of the present invention. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submits that the outstanding rejection based on 35 U.S.C § 102(e) is defective, and kindly request its withdrawal.

Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is novel over Sladek, and thus patentable.

Claims 2-4 are dependent of claim 1, and since they merely add further limitations and clarifications thereto, they are believed to be patentable as well.

Claim 5 is an independent claim having limitations similar to those of claim 1, and is therefore submitted as being patentable for the same reasons. Claims 6-8 are dependent of claim 5, and since they merely add further limitations and clarifications thereto, they are believed to be patentable as well.

Finally, claim 16 is another independent claim with limitations similar to those of claim 1, and is therefore submitted as being patentable too, while claim 17 depends upon claim 16 and because it only adds further limitations and clarifications, it is patentable as well.

Conclusion

All pending claims 1-22 are herein submitted as being in favorable condition for allowance.

In the Examiner finds out that a prosecution of the present invention would be facilitated by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Alex Nicolaescu, at telephone number (514) 345- 7900 extension number 2596.

Respectfully submitted,



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